

# The -ing Form - Exercises

## Spelling practice

### Add the present continuous form of the verb

Frank \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor. (sit) → Frank is sitting on the floor. / Frank's sitting on the floor.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ a cake in the kitchen. (make)
2. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ very fast. (run)
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ an email now. (write)
4. George \_\_\_\_\_ his present. (open)
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ a hole in the garden. (dig)
6. Ethel \_\_\_\_\_ the truth. (tell)
7. They \_\_\_\_\_ every game. (win)
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool. (swim)
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ with his sister at the moment. (live)
10. Maria \_\_\_\_\_ her favourite song. (sing)
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ my coffee. (drink)
12. The children \_\_\_\_\_ to get tired. (begin)
13. Jane \_\_\_\_\_ the computer. (fix)
14. The cat \_\_\_\_\_ on the sofa. (lie)
15. The kids \_\_\_\_\_ to school. (go)
16. Lisa and I \_\_\_\_\_ my cousin tomorrow. (see)
17. The students \_\_\_\_\_ for the test. (study)
18. You \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful picture. (draw)
19. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the instructions again. (explain)
20. We \_\_\_\_\_ a lot at the moment. (travel)

# Answers

1. She **is making** a cake in the kitchen. / She's **making** a cake in the kitchen.
2. The dog **is running** very fast. / The dog's **running** very fast.
3. I **am writing** an email now. / I'm **writing** an email now.
4. George **is opening** his present. / George's **opening** his present.
5. We **are digging** a hole in the garden. / We're **digging** a hole in the garden.
6. Ethel **is telling** the truth. / Ethel's **telling** the truth.
7. They **are winning** every game. / They're **winning** every game.
8. We **are swimming** in the pool. / We're **swimming** in the pool.
9. He **is living** with his sister at the moment. / He's **living** with his sister at the moment.
10. Maria **is singing** her favourite song. / Maria's **singing** her favourite song.
11. I **am drinking** my coffee. / I'm **drinking** my coffee.
12. The children **are beginning** to get tired.
13. Jane **is fixing** the computer. / Jane's **fixing** the computer.
14. The cat **is lying** on the sofa. / The cat's **lying** on the sofa.
15. The kids **are going** to school.  
(NB: We don't contract nouns and "are" when we write, so we don't write "kids're".)
16. Lisa and I **are seeing** my cousin tomorrow.  
(NB: We don't contract "I" and "are" when we write, so we don't write "I're".)
17. The students **are studying** for the test.  
(See 15.)
18. You **are drawing** a beautiful picture. / You're **drawing** a beautiful picture.
19. The teacher **is explaining** the instructions again. / The teacher's **explaining** the instructions again.
20. UK: We **are travelling** a lot at the moment. / We're **travelling** a lot at the moment.  
US: We **are traveling** a lot at the moment. / We're **traveling** a lot at the moment.